

IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly Amend the Claims as Follows:

A2 ~~Sub B1~~ Claim 1 (amended) - A tanning bed comprising in combination:
a plurality of modules collectively defining components of said tanning bed,
and knock-down coupling means integral with said components for assembling said components into an operational tanning bed.

A3 ~~Sub B1~~ Claim 4 (amended) - The bed of claim 3 including a canopy pivotally connected to said bench by removeable attachment means, said canopy provided with illumination means for tanning.

A4 ~~Sub B2~~ Claim 8 (amended) - A tanning bed comprising in combination:
a plurality of modules collectively defining components of said tanning bed, said components including a pair of spaced bench supports including a ballast housing interposed between said bench supports and means fixing said ballast housing to said bench supports in removeable relationship thereto, wherein said bench supports cradle a bench in removeable overlying relationship thereto, said bench provided with illumination means for tanning, and wherein said bench supports fasten to said canopy and a pair of posts project upwardly from said bench supports in frictional telescoping relationship, said posts including a pivot that supports a link operatively coupled to said canopy and adapted to allow said link and said canopy to move from a first open position wherein a tanner can lie on the bed to a second closed position where said canopy is in overlying relationship with respect to said bed and said tanner, and gas shock means operatively coupled with

AY said link and said post in a path of heat radiation whereupon gas within said shock elevates in temperature upon utilization of said bed increasing the effectiveness of said gas shock;

a canopy operatively connected to said bench by removeable attachment means, said canopy provided with illumination means for tanning; and knock-down coupling means for assembling said components into an operational tanning bed.

sub c1 Claim 10 (amended) - A tanning bed comprising in combination:

AS a plurality of modules collectively defining components of said tanning bed, said components including a pair of spaced bench supports including a ballast housing interposed between said bench supports and means fixing said ballast housing to said bench supports in removeable relationship thereto, wherein said bench supports cradle a bench in removeable overlying relationship thereto, said bench provided with illumination means for tanning and wherein said bench attaches to said bench supports on one edge thereof by means of a projection on said bench support being received within a complementally formed slit on said bench, said slit provided with adequate clearance to allow articulation of said bench about said projection;

a canopy operatively connected to said bench by removeable attachment means, said canopy provided with illumination means for tanning; and knock-down coupling means for assembling said components into an operational tanning bed.

Kindly Add the New Claims as Follows:

AS sub c1 Claim 17 (new) - A tanning bed comprising in combination:

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a plurality of modules collectively defining components of said tanning bed, said components including bench supports, a bed, and a canopy, wherein said bench supports fasten to said canopy and a pair of posts project upwardly from said bench supports in frictional telescoping relationship, said posts including a pivot that supports a link operatively coupled to said canopy and adapted to allow said link and said canopy to move from a first open position wherein a tanner can lie on the bed to a second closed position where said canopy is in overlying relationship with respect to said bed and said tanner, and gas shock means operatively coupled with said link and said post in a path of heat radiation whereupon gas within said shock elevates in temperature upon utilization of said bed increasing the effectiveness of said gas shock; and

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knock-down coupling means for assembling said components into an operational tanning bed.

Claim 18 (new) - A tanning bed comprising in combination:

a plurality of modules collectively defining components of said tanning bed, said components includes a bench and bench supports; and

knock-down coupling means for assembling said components into an operational tanning bed, wherein said knock-down coupling means includes attachment of said bench to said bench supports on one edge thereof by means of a projection on said bench support being received within a complementally formed slit on said bench, said slit provided with adequate clearance to allow articulation of said bench about said projection.

Claim 19 (new) - A tanning bed comprising in combination:

a plurality of modules collectively defining components of said tanning bed, said components including a bench and a bench support; and

knock-down coupling means for assembling said components into an operational tanning bed, wherein said knock-down coupling means includes a slit on the side of said bench which receives a hook supported on said bench support, said hook having releasable fastening means to release said bench relative to said bench support.

Claim 20 (new) - A tanning bed, comprising, in combination:

a plurality of modules collectively defining components of said tanning bed wherein said components include illumination means; and

knock-down coupling means for assembling said components into an operational tanning bed, wherein said knock-down coupling means includes a removable cover for said illumination means, said cover having air channeling means integrated therewith.

Claim 21 (new) - A tanning bed, comprising, in combination:

a plurality of modules collectively defining components of said tanning bed, and

knock-down coupling means for assembling said components into an operational tanning bed, said knock-down coupling means including integrally-formed panels, wherein said integrally-formed panels are independently removable.

Claim 22 (new) - A tanning bed, comprising, in combination:

a plurality of modules collectively defining components of said tanning bed, and

knock-down coupling means for assembling said components into an operational tanning bed wherein a bench is attached to bench supports on one edge thereof by means of a projection on said bench support being received within a complementally formed slit on said bench, said slit formed as removable cap on said bench.

Claim 23 (new) - A tanning bed, comprising, in combination:

a plurality of modules collectively defining components of said tanning bed, and

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knock-down coupling means for assembling said components into an operational tanning bed wherein a canopy is attached to a bench on one edge thereof by means of a projection on said bench support being received within a complementally formed slit on said bench, said slit formed as removable cap on said canopy.

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Claim 24 (new) - A tanning bed, comprising, in combination:

a plurality of modules collectively defining components of said tanning bed, wherein said components include plural illumination means having differing characteristics, each said illumination means being independently removable; and

knock-down coupling means for assembling said components into an operational tanning bed.

Claim 25 (new) - A tanning bed, comprising, in combination:

a plurality of modules collectively defining components of said tanning bed, wherein said components include ventilation means whereby air is

drawn into the tanning bed and exhausting means whereby said air is exhausted out of the tanning bed in a direction away from a tanner; and

knock-down coupling means for assembling said components into an operational tanning bed.

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Claim 26 (new) - The tanning bed of claim 25 wherein said components include a bench and a canopy, and wherein said ventilation means and said exhausting means operate independently in said bench and said canopy.

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Claim 27 (new) - The tanning bed of claim 25 wherein said components include a bench and a canopy, and wherein said ventilation means includes removable housings mounted on exterior extremities of said bench and/or said canopy.

Claim 28 (new) - The tanning bed of claim 27 wherein said removable housing comprises a removable filter system.

Claim 29 (new) - The tanning bed of claim 28 wherein said removable filter system includes an independently removable filter screen located inside said removable housing.

REMARKS

The Office Action dated July 5, 2001, has been received, its contents carefully noted, and the applied citations thoroughly studied. Accordingly, the foregoing revisions to the specification and claims are tendered with the conviction that patentable contrast has now been made manifest over the known prior art and certain typographical inexactitudes have been rectified to provide better form. Accordingly, all rejections [✓]tendered by the Examiner in the above-referenced Office